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## COMPUTER SECURITY WORKING GROUP

OF THE

## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held at CIA Headquarters, Langley, Va.  
18 June 1968

1. The first meeting of the Computer Security Working Group of the USIB Security Committee was held on 18 June 1968 between 1300 and 1445 hours in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters building. In attendance were:

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Mr. Richard Kitterman, D/State

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Mr. Thomas Eccleston, Army  
Mr. Robert C. Allen, Navy  
Col. Hays Bricka, Air Force

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Mr. Raymond J. Brady, AEC  
Capt. Alvin E. Biery, Air Force  
Mr. William F. Schulze, Jr., Air Force  
Mr. Roger D. Smith, Air Force

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2. Initial discussion concerned the proposed role of the Working Group. The Chairman suggested the alternatives of acting as a temporary group or as a continuing group not only in the immediate but also through the intermediate future. He suggested that the problems in the computer environment were such that they could not be defined or resolved in a limited period of time and recommended that the Working Group plan its activity on a continuing basis over a period of at least several months. All agreed.

3. After some discussion, participants expressed a preference for meeting bi-weekly at least until the purpose and planning for the effort is defined; it was anticipated that after the first 3 or 4 meetings, the sessions could be held on a monthly basis, which would allow sufficient time for individuals to prepare themselves for active group participation. It was also agreed that 1330 hours on Tuesdays was an acceptable time to schedule meetings.

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4. The Chairman pointed out the desirability to have continuing professional security representation in the Working Group effort; this representation should come from as wide a cross section of the community as possible although it was recognized that some agencies will have less to contribute to the overall effort than others due to shortage of personnel, lack of involvement in the problems, or simply limited interest in the activity. The Chairman also emphasized the need for technical personnel to participate in the effort, such as individuals serving the technical staffs and R&D components of individual agencies. It was recognized that sufficient experience in the professional security community does not exist at the present time; therefore, ADP professionals are needed for continuing guidance in any efforts undertaken by the Group. The Chairman also noted that in the long run, it may be possible and advisable to seek participation in the effort from the outstanding people in the non-government community who can contribute guidance and experience in the resolution of technical computer security problems.

5. The undersigned provided some details to the Group concerning the need for assistance in the computer security arena to other community efforts such as the COMIREX Data Base, the COINS Project, and even the Defense Science Board Task Force. He also reiterated the need for liaison or cooperation with the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) in its efforts along the same lines; he mentioned the Security Committee Chairman's previous remarks about insuring professional security input to the IHC efforts or the deferment of these IHC efforts in favor of the Security Committee.

6. The Chairman suggested to members that they consider prior to the next meeting what role the Working Group can take in providing guidance to the Security Committee, which in turn can act on the Working Group's recommendations. He emphasized that the Working Group would serve as an arm of the Security Committee, and that that the Committee itself would have the responsibility for policy action. The Chairman suggested that among other roles that should be considered are the following:

- a. Providing guidance towards the identification and solution to security problems in the ADP environment;
- b. Pursuing an effort towards the standardization of security policy throughout the community as it pertains to the automatic handling of information processing;
- c. Acting as a focal point or repository for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information pertaining to security problems in the ADP environment.

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It is anticipated that at the next meeting, further suggestions will be received from participating members and will be discussed with a view towards planning general objectives for the group.

7. Participants were also requested to consider the following items for discussion at the next meeting:

a. Identification of computer security problem types as they exist in separate agencies;

b. The relative priority in which solutions to these problems are required;

c. Identification of the problem locations, i. e. the scope of the problem, whether it is peculiar to the Washington D. C. area or extends to commands or locations in the domestic or foreign field;

d. Identification of current Regulations, Notices, or Instructions in the computer security field and the extent of their applicability.

8. The undersigned pointed out his belief that all ramifications of the security aspects of computer processing as it pertains to the intelligence community could not be comprehensively discussed without including material controlled in the codeword areas. For this reason he allowed that participants in the Working Group must be considered for SI/TK clearances. It was not foreseen that the next meeting will entail discussion of any codeword information, but that in following meetings, such would be the case. Mr. Kitterman requested whether individual Working Group participants should, therefore, initiate action in their separate agencies to allow for appropriate codeword briefings. The undersigned suggested that those assigned as regular members in the Working Group should take this course of action. He acknowledged, however, that at least in one agency, obtaining codeword clearances posed a problem and suggested that he might be of assistance in providing justification for the codeword clearances needed.

9. The next meeting of the IBSEC Computer Security Working Group will be held at 1330 hours on 2 July 1968 in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters.



Chairman, CSWG/IBSEC

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